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## Our Thoughts

This year we have had nearly 40 dwellings burnt down. There have also been a number of deaths associated with these fires.

We now have a law to help the number of deaths reduced. As from July 1st it was compulsory to fit smoke alarms to all dwellings.

A Fire Service survey reveals that about 25% of dwellings still have no smoke alarms fitted and a further 18% have fitted the alarms but they do not work efficiently, mainly they have had the batteries removed.

Smoke alarms will never stop a house from burning down, but it will alert the occupants that there is a problem thus allowing them to attend to it or to evacuate the house.

**With the small cost of smoke alarms there is no reason to fit them. If you haven't -DO IT NOW**

## Euthanasia.... Is it for you?

**E**uthanasia is a subject that excites intense debate over which way to go is the right way to go. It is a subject that we may wish to not think about, but it is also a subject that we should all think seriously. Whatever decision one makes one should also discuss the matter with their close family so that the family knows what decision has been made.

The Sunshine Coast Branch of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society holds a meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in the CWA Hall, Memorial Drive, Maroochydore. Their next meeting is on Wednesday 18th of July and the following meeting there will be held on Wednesday 15th of August, 2007.

Those in support of euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide believe that it is the compassionate

choice, and is supported by the same constitutional safeguards that guarantee such rights as marriage, procreation, and the refusal or termination of life-saving medical treatment. These people feel that the language of the often-cited Hippocratic Oath negates the reality of terminal disease, and believe that terminally ill people should have the right to end their pain and suffering with a quick, dignified death.

The opponents of euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide worry about a "slippery slope" from euthanasia to murder, arguing that any test to determine between voluntary and non-voluntary cases will prove faulty. They also cite the medical community's Hippocratic Oath, arguing that doctors have a responsibility to keep their patients alive. Many opponents fear that legalizing euthanasia will unfairly target the poor and disabled, groups with little access to advanced, possibly life-saving medical care.

The Voluntary Euthanasia Society is a friendly group and everyone is welcome to join them for a cup of tea. At the meeting discussions are held about the aims and objectives of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society. Also discussed is how to pursue your right to choose" so that you can take the direction that you choose when that time comes.

Enquiries can be made of Joan (Membership Officer) on 5443 5576 or June (Secretary) on 0402 989433

## Winter winds blow early

Westerly winter winds in Maleny are normally associated with the Brisbane Ekka, but this year they have arrived somewhat early. From early July they have been a constant visitor to Maleny. Not only have they come early but have been stronger than normally expected. As the photo below by Phil Crowe shows they made short work of blowing over a number of trees around town. Luckily no damage was caused to other property.

The winds are not gone yet and are likely to hang around for another three or four weeks.

For a full run down of today's Maleny weather [CLICK HERE](#) to go to Patrick and Kay Stacey's owned and operated Maleny Weather Station.



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## Truthful Jones Tells...

us that he was having a really bad day a few weeks ago, and by accident he found a great way to reduce tension.

He was sitting at his desk when he remembered a phone call he'd forgotten to make. He found the number and dialed it. A man answered, saying "Hello." He politely said, "This is Truthful. Could I please speak with Paddy?"

Suddenly a manic voice yelled out in his ear "Get the right f\*\*in number!" and the phone was slammed down on him. He couldn't believe that anyone could be so rude.

When Truthful tracked down Paddy's correct number, he found that he had accidentally transposed the last two digits.

After hanging up from Paddy, Truthful decided to call the 'wrong' number again. When the same guy answered the phone, Truthful yelled, "You're scum!" and hung up.

Truthful wrote his number down with the word 'scum' next to it, and put it in his desk drawer. Every couple of weeks, when he was paying bills or had a really bad day, he'd call him up and yell, "You're scum!" It always cheered Truthful up.

When Caller ID was introduced, Truthful thought that his therapeutic 'scum' calling would have to stop. So, Truthful called his number and said, "Hi, this is John Smith from Telstra. I'm calling to see if you're familiar with our Caller ID Program?" He yelled "NO!" and slammed down the phone. Truthful quickly called him back and said, "That's because you're scum!"

One day Truthful was at I.G.A, getting ready to pull into a parking spot. Some guy in a black BMW cut him off and pulled into the spot he had patiently waited for. Truthful hit the horn and yelled that I'd been waiting for that spot, but the other driver ignored him.

Truthful noticed a "For Sale" sign in his back window, so he wrote down his number.



A couple of days later, right after calling the firstscum Truthful thought that he'd better call the BMW idiot, too. Truthful said, "Is this the man with the black BMW for sale?"

"Yes, it is", he said. "Can you tell me where I can see it?" Truthful asked.

"Yes, I live at 34 Landsborough Road, in Maleny. It's a yellow house, and the car's parked right out in front." "What's your name?" Truthful asked.

"My name is Don Hansen," he said. "When's a good time to catch you, Don?" "I'm home every evening after five."

"Listen, Don, can I tell you something?" "Yes?"

"Don, you're a scum bag!" Then Truthful hung up.

Now, when Truthful had a problem, he had two scumbags to call. Then he came up with an idea. I called scumbag #1. "Hello." "You're a scum bag!" (But Truthful didn't hang up.) "Are you still there?" he asked. "Yeah," Truthful said.

"Stop calling me," he screamed.

"Make me," Truthful said.

"Who are you?" he asked. "My name is Don Hansen." "Yeah? Where do you live?"

"Scumbag, I live at 34 Landsborough Road, Maleny, a yellow house, with my black Beamer parked in front." He said, "I'm coming over right now, Don. And you had better start saying your prayers." Truthful then said, "Yeah, like I'm really scared, scumbag," and hung up.

Then Truthful called Scumbag #2. "Hello?" He said. "Hello, Scumbag," Truthful said.

Scumbag yelled, "If I ever find out who you are..." "You'll what?" Truthful said. "I'll kick your arse," he exclaimed. Truthful

answered, "Well, scumbag, here's your chance. I'm coming over right now."

Then Truthful hung up and immediately called the police, saying that he was on his way over to 34 Landsborough Road, Maleny to kill his gay lover. Then Truthful called Cameron at The Range News about the gang war going down at 34 Landsborough Road, Maleny.

Truthful quickly got into his car and headed over to Landsborough Road, Maleny. He got there just in time to watch his two scumbags beating the crap out of each other in front of six cop cars.

Truthful's column this week is a little longer than usual but I thought it was worth the extra space. I don't want to get onto the wrong side of Truthful Jones, but it does prove that age and experience wins the day every time...

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## Four years and \$300,000 later, we have a community precinct approved

by Pauline Clayton

The recent news that Caloundra City Council has finally approved the community precinct proposal for an 18-hole golf course, community facilities and funding for off-site community facilities and some housing to pay for it is cause for celebration and thanks to so many people.

First to Mayor Don Aldous who never wavered in his support of the project along with Deputy Mayor Don Smith and Landsborough councillor Dell Winkler. Not to forget Dr Max Whitten and his Maleny Golf Club members. But especially to the original Taskforce.

This team of community elected citizens (submissions to and voted in by the Community Advisory Group), devoted nearly 18 months of their time and energy to come up with the proposal that went to council in 2003 and resulted in the purchase of Porter's farm.

It is fair to say the recommendations of this Taskforce are almost identical to those adopted by council yesterday, 5th July 2007. In the ensuing three years we had a \$200,000 probity audit to ensure the land was purchased in the correct manner. (I never doubted the finance committee, the mayor, all councillors and the CEO a trust proven by said audit to be correct.)

Add another \$100,000 in repeat forums, public meetings, officer studies etc.etc. Cannot help thinking I could have had the new Maleny swimming pool and associated aquatic center in the ground on that site with those funds..!

Right up to the last minute Cr Dick Newman, supported by Cr Anna Grosskreutz moved for the project to be reduced to a nine-hole golf course. They were out voted.

I recall vividly, the night former

council property manager Doug Forsyth and I attended a meeting of the Maleny Golf Club. The group had requested use of the 64 ha council owned Armstrong's farm for a 9-hole golf course.

Doug Forsyth suggested instead the purchase of the neighbouring 65ha combining the two and an 18-hole golf course.

Following other meetings with community groups desperate for a site or major funding assistance, it was Doug Forsyth who recommended funding from the sale of some sites on the site to go to community facilities off-site, in particular, the Maleny Community Centre in Maple St.

We estimated \$3 million was required at that time to redevelop that important center. Doug Forsyth also suggested I put number 2/4 Bunya Street on the council's property purchase list as it would be excellent for a park and an entrance to the proposed walkway along the Obi Obi to Gardner's Falls.

Also to the flat site behind the hotel, perfect he proffered for a community swimming pool. He also recommended in the inclusion of the site (already zoned for development) off Teak Street to ensure we maintained our Green Hills around the township.

Council knocked back my \$800,000 request for 2/4 Bunya Street, and the rest is history. Woolworth's now stands there and the site off Teak Street is under development as was predicted by Doug Forsyth.

You win some and you lose others.

We won Porter's Farm, which for Maleny is a huge and great achievement. Doug Forsyth was a visionary who loved Maleny. The Taskforce members who are all still out there also love Maleny and it is rewarding to see their vision finally achieved.

## Another paint hint from

### Maleny Paint Place

#### Painting with an Aerosol Can

To remove a child proof cap insert a screwdriver in the cap and lever it up The horizontal setting is used when spraying up and down and press button until only gas escapes. To clean nozzle after use and prevent blocking turn the can upside down and press button until only gas escapes.

#### Project Check List for Aerosol Painting

1. Clean the surface you are about to paint with a suitable cleaner eg; Sugar Soap, turps etc
2. Have lots of rags handy for any cleaning.
3. Drop Sheet to protect from any over spray, overspray can travel long distances so make sure you cover a wide area.
4. Masking Material eg; tape, newspaper, cardboard to ensure the paint goes on the areas you want it too and also to protect surrounding areas from paint.
5. Sand paper to prepare the surface, try using a dust mask to protect yourself from the dust.
6. Have available turps or Rust Guard Solvent for clean up.
7. Wearing gloves will protect your hands from paint.

#### Paint Place, Maleny



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## I HAD A DREAM

that a person of influence advised the committee of the Maleny Bowls Club to object to the Caloundra City Council about plans for extensions to the Maleny Hotel.

This resulted in the hotel management restricting vehicle access to the land used as a bowls club carpark.

Was this a move to get the Bowls Club to need to shift and bring the matter of the Maleny Precinct to a head?

What is the future for the Maleny Bowls Club now?

*Remember, if this comes to pass you heard it first in the "Grapevine" if it doesn't, it was only a dream.*

*If I never had a bad day,  
how would I know whether I was  
having a good day?*

## An insight into Maleny History

Maleny Historian - Harvey Bryce



Prior to European settlement the Blackall Range area was occupied by the Bonyi Bonyi people, the Gubbi Gubbi or even the Kabi Kabi people), who once gathered at Baroon Pocket, on the banks of the Obi Obi River, to feast on Bunya nuts.

The beautiful rainforest that once covered the Blackall Range was also a treasure to the local white people, albeit a more economic one. Evidence of the area's reliance on timbergetting is evident in the naming scheme chosen for Maleny's streets, including Maple, Myrtle, Cedar, while Macadamia Drive reflects the local cultivation of that much valued nut, otherwise known, north of the border, as the Queensland Nut.

Dairy farming (predominantly with fresians) is also important to the local economy, along with fruit cultivation and small crops.

As far as can be determined the first European in the Maleny area was Ludwig Leichhardt who seemed to be describing the Blackall Ranges when he wrote a letter in 1844 which said: 'There is a little valley, an open plain, in the midst of these brushes which cover perhaps, an extent of 50 miles long and 10 miles broad.

This plain they call Booroon and it seems the rendezvous for fights between the hostile tribes who come from near and far to enjoy the harvest of the Bunya'.

Timber-getters moved into the area. By the early 1870s there was a blacksmith, a number of teamsters and a timber mill. A settlement was beginning to form.

The first selection of land at the present site of Maleny was made by Isaac Burgess on 13 November 1878. Slowly the land was cleared and dairy and beef cattle were brought into the area to feed on the rich grasses which were produced by a generous annual rainfall (2056 mm) which soaked the rich red volcanic soils of the range.

It is likely that the town name, Maleny is a misspelt version of a tiny Scottish hamlet named Maleny.

There can be little doubt that the Blackall Range constitutes one of the most interesting and dramatic mountain terrains in Queensland.

Visit the Maleny Historical Village web site at [www.hinterlandgrapevine.com](http://www.hinterlandgrapevine.com) (Community Groups & Follow prompts)

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